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FOR SECRETARY BERGLAND

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SUBJ: MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, MANILA

JUNE 20-24

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1. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN HANNAH HAS GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JUNE 7, 1977 FOR SECRETARY BERGLAND. THE LETTER ESSENTIALLY DISCUSSES THE SCHEDULE AND METHODS OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IN MANILA FROM JUNE 20-24, 1977.

WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED THE AGENDA, REFTEL.

2. THE LETTER ALSO HAD AS AN ATTACHMENT WFC/L.1.,)WHICH COVERS THE SAME MATERIAL AS THE LETTER AND IS THEREFORE NOT TRANSMITTED EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING PARA ON THE OUTCOME
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OF THE SESSION.BEGIN QUOTE:

MINISTERS SHOULD BE FREE TO DECIDE UPON THE TERM THEY WOULD USE DESCRIBE THE RESULTS OF THE SESSION. ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL MAY BE TERMED AS "DECISIONS", "RECOMMENDATIONS" OR "CONCLUSIONS ", AS APPROPRIATE IN EACH CASE OF CIRCUMSTANCE, FOR EXAMPLE:

"DECISIONS "-THE COUNCIL MAY DECIDE WHAT ITS SECRETARIAT SHOULD CARRY OUT CERTAIN TASKS; OR IT MAY DECIDE TO RECOMMEND ACTION BE GOVERNMENTS OR AGENCIES.

" RECOMMENDATIONS "-THE COUNCIL MAY RECOMMEND ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS,THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR OTHER ORGANS OR BODIES, OR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

"CONCLUSION S -THE COUNCIL MAY REACH CERTAIN CONCLUSIONS ON THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION AND WHAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE ABOUT IT. END QUOTE.

3. HANNAH'S LETTER TO BERGLAND READS AS FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT:
EXCELLENCY,

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOU WILL REPRESENT YOUR GOVERNMENT AT THE FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IN MANILA., FROM 20 TO 24 JUNE 1977.

WE ARE PLEASED TO ENCLOSE HERewith THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MINISTERIAL SESSION (DOCUMENT WFC/48) PREPARED BY THE RAPPORTEUR, AS REQUESTED BY THE PREPARATORY MEETING AND ALSO A COPY OF DOCUMENT WFC/L.17 WHICH CONTAINS THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL ARRANGMENTS PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. I SHOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SOME KEY POINTS IN THIS DOCUMENT, WHICH I BELIEVE DESERVE SPECIAL ATTENTION.

(A) PRE-SESSION INFORMAL GATHERING AND DINNER.
ON SUNDAY, 19 JUNE, THE EVENING BEFORE THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE SESSION, THERE WILL BE AN INFORMAL GATHERING OF THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS OF THE 36 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, TO BE FOLLOWED BY COCKTAILS AN DINNER, SPONSORED BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT, AT THE PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, MANILA. THIS INFORMA
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GATHERING WILL ENABLE THE MEMBERS TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ON THE WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL WILL DO ITS WORK DURING THE WEEK. THIS MEETING WILL CONVENE AT 6 P.M. IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE DISCUSSIONS, AND THEN RECESS FOR A COCKTAIL PERIOD TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE DINNER, WHERE THE DISCUSSIONS CAN BE CONTINUED.
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(B) STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS. THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING A GENERAL DEBATE OR GENERAL STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS. ANY SUCH STATEMENTS WOULD BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISCUSSION OF, AND GEARED DIRECTLY TO, THE SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS AND SHOULD BE AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE.

(C) PROCEDURE AT THE MINISTERIAL SESSION. THE MAIN WORK AT THE MINISTERIAL SESSION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN "EXECUTIVE SESSIONS" TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS FROM THE PREPARATORY MEETING AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE COUNCIL. THE PROCEDURE AT THESE SESSIONS SHOULD BE ORGANIZED TO FACILITATE A FREE, DIALOGUE-ORIENTED ACROSS-THE-TABLE DISCUSSION. IN ORDER TO ALLOW MAXIMUM FRANKNESS AND INFORMALITY WHILE MINISTERS ARE DISCUSSING THE COUNCIL'S DECISIONS, MINISTERS MAY DECIDE THAT THESE SESSIONS WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PRESS OR PUBLIC.

(D) REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE COUNCIL'S FINAL REPORT SHOULD CLEARLY DISTINGUISH BETWEEN:

(A) THE COUNCIL'S DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OR CONCLUSIONS;
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AND (B) THE ORGANIZATIONAL, PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND GENERAL STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES.

TO CONSERVE TIME, THE MINISTERIAL SESSION SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON THE DECISIONS OR CONCLUSIONS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON BY THE COUNCIL.

THE OTHER PARTS OF THE REPORT SHOULD BE PREPARED BY THE RAPPORTEUR AND CIRCULATED IN DRAFT FORM. ANY DELEGATION WISHING TO AMEND OR SUPPLEMENT THESE PARTS WITH ITS OWN VIEWS SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO DO SO, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THOSE INDIVIDUAL VIEWS WOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED AS SUCH. THE RAPPORTEUR, WITH THE

ASSISTANCE OF THE SECRETARIAT, WILL THEN FINALIZE THIS PORTION.
WEDNESDAY WILL BE THE FIELD TRIP SUGGESTED BY THE COUNCIL AND
ARRANGED BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT INCLUDING A VISIT TO THE INTER-
NATIONAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT LOS BANOS, A TRIP THROUGH
TYPICAL RURAL AGRICULTURAL AREAS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO PERMIT
US TO SEE EXAMPLES OF THE OUTSTANDING WORK BEING CONDUCTED
IN IMPROVING THE NUTRITION OF PHILIPPINE CITIZENS...

THURSDAY WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE COMPLETION OF THE COUNCIL'S
WORK.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN MANILA, AND HOPE THAT THE
THIRD SESSION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL WILL BE CONSTRUCTIVE
AND USEFUL IN CHARTING A MEANINGFUL FUTURE FOR THE WORLD
FOOD COUNCIL.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

JOHN A.HANNA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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